

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

This is a Divisional application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of application Serial No. 10/347,920, filed on January 22, 2003.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 15 as set forth in Appendix IV of this paper are now pending in this case. Claim 3 has been canceled, and Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 12 have been amended, as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix III of this paper.

The claims have been amended to cover subject matter canceled in the course of the prosecution of application Serial No. 09/848,881 (now US 6,534,492) which is not covered by the claims submitted in application Serial No. 10/347,920. The claims submitted herewith extend beyond the scope of the claims granted in the grandparent application in the definition of radicals R^1 and R^2 , radicals R^3 and R^4 , and radicals R^4 and R^5 in formula (I) as being connected to form a ring. Furthermore, the subject matter defined in Claims 5 and 7 to 12 submitted herewith extends beyond the scope of the claims granted in the grandparent application. Additionally, some editorial changes were made in the language of the claims corresponding to the changes in the parent cases. The specification has been amended to contain a cross-reference to the parent cases. No new matter has been added. Favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

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Encl.: THE SUBSTITUTE SECTION(S) OF THE SPECIFICATION (Appendix I)
THE CHANGE(S) IN THE SPECIFICATION (Appendix II)
THE LISTING OF CLAIMS (Appendix III)
THE AMENDED CLAIMS (Appendix IV)

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